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Decision on Petition

This a decision in response to the paper filed November 10, 2003, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.377 to accept and record a timely maintenance fee payment for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner alleges that payment of the 3.5 year maintenance fee was proffered on February 4, 2003. In support of this contention, petitioner has supplied a copy of the maintenance fee transmittal form which accompanied the payment and a copy of a stamped postcard receipt.

The petition complies with the requirements set forth in 37 CFR 1.8(b). In view thereof the maintenance fee is considered timely filed.

PTO records will be updated, and an appropriate Notice will be published in the Official Gazette, in due course.

No petition fee is due and none has been charged. The 3.5 year maintenance fee of \$890 has been charged to petitioner's deposit account.

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